

## Ravenswood City Council Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2025

Ravenswood Municipal Complex – 1 Wall St. Ravenswood, WV 26164

7:00pm

Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Miller led Welcome and Recorder Bloxton led the roll call. Present:

Councilwoman Amanda Slaven, Mayor Josh Miller, Councilman Todd Ritchie, Recorder Jared Bloxton, Councilwoman Dee Scritchfield, Councilman Jeff Koon, Councilman Eric Cullen

Mayor Miller declared a quorum at meeting started around 7:00pm.

### Public Forum:

George “Buddy” Jones spoke about council action plan for FY23 audit, asking if council members received packets, and concerns about the “sunshine laws” and stated “Personnel Matters” isn’t sufficient to meet that criteria.

Michael Ihle wanted to thank the Ravenswood Police Department for helping him with recent personal issues.

Paul Icenhower asked how much does the city owe right now. Mr. Icenhower asked who voted to take meetings off the internet. Mr. Icenhower asked who on city council is under investigation.

Sue Quillen said she served as city recorder. Ms. Quillen asked for the “live stream feed” back and asked for unity in the community. Ms. Quillen asked about Road Bond monies for bridge. She stated it was hard for people to make it to meetings. She said feuding needed to stop and she was elated about the community dinner. Ms. Quillen commended the Ravenswood Police Department for the excellent work they do for our community.

Bob Staats – Provided packets to city council regarding various projects and his notes. Had questions about Welcome Center/Business Incubator which was Item No. 9 on the agenda. Mr. Staats stated no business incubator has been mentioned before.

Dana Skeens asked questions about the Welcome Center/Business Incubator project. Mr. Skeens wanted the definition of a “business incubator” and asked how many people will be employed. Mr. Skeens thinks since the County Sheriff is part of the restaurant lease

for Welcome Center that it's a "Good Ole Boy" project because no one has a chance to bid on the lease. He said he heard the restaurant is going to pay \$3,000/month.

Mark Friend stated he wanted to get involved with community events and various functions. Mr. Friend stated he feels like he is getting no answers in these meetings.

Public Forum closed.

Reports presented to Ravenswood City Council presented by Departments, Boards, Commissions, and Authorities.

Opening of the Sand Creek Pedestrian Bridge Project bids. One presents. Alan Stone Co. Inc. Bid was accepted as presented but not awarded due to the bid being over grant projected budget. Will release new solicitation to attempt to get within budget.

Motion by Councilman Todd Ritchie to accept the bid as presented by Alan Stone Co., Inc., but not to award due to cost exceeding the project budget. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Amanda Slaven. All approved. Motion passed.

Mayor Miller provided financial updates and pre-bid and construction timeline for the grant funded Welcome Center/Business Incubator Project.

Proposed Ordinance regarding eminent domain of Utah Rd. for Wastewater Project purposes. (First Reading) No requested changes or amendments by council members. Ordinance considered read for the first time.

Amended Ordinance regard City Council meeting attendance was tabled to add verbiage about phone/internet app call-ins to meetings to count as attendance. Motion made by Councilman Todd Ritchie. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Dee Scritchfield. All voting Yes. Motion Approved. Ordinance tabled to reflect changes.

Approved Drawdown for Waterfront Project EEGF Monies for Line Item No. 12 – Motion by Councilman Todd Ritchie and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Recorder Jared Bloxton. All voting Yes. Motion approved.



Approved Drawdown for Waterfront Project EEGF Monies. Motion by Councilman Eric Cullen. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Jeff Koon. All voting Yes. Motion approved.

Approval of Silver Hills Tank Slip Repair Change Order. Motion by Councilman Todd Ritchie. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Jared Bloxton. All voting Yes. Motion approved.

Approval of Drawdown for Phase 2A Wastewater Project. Motion by Councilwoman Amanda Slaven. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Recorder Jared Bloxton. All voting Yes. Motion approved.

Special Meeting Dates:

July 17, 2025 at 6:00pm regarding the McIntosh Bldg. Litigation Matter

July 29, 2025 at 7:00pm regarding Budget Revision Requirement

Next Regular Meeting Date:

August 5, 2025 at 7:00pm

Executive Session for Personnel Matters. Motion by Councilwoman Amanda Slaven. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Cullen. All voting Yes. Motion approved to go into Executive Session at 8:21pm.

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Councilman Eric Cullen. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Todd Ritchie. All voting Yes. Motion approved to come out of Executive Session at 9:48pm.

No action from Executive Session at this time.

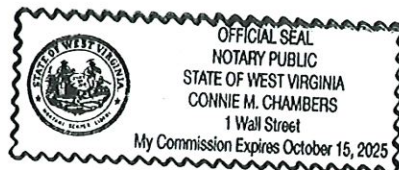
Adjournment. Motion by Councilwoman Dee Scritchfield. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Amanda Slaven. All voting Yes. Motion approved. Adjourned at 9:50pm.



Josh Miller  
Mayor, City of Ravenswood



Jared Bloxton  
City Recorder/Deputy Mayor



Connie Chambers